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AQUEOUS DISPERSION AND INK JET RECORDING INK USING THE PIGMENT

Attorney Docket No.: U 014833-7

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We draw the attention of the Examiner to the attached references which are
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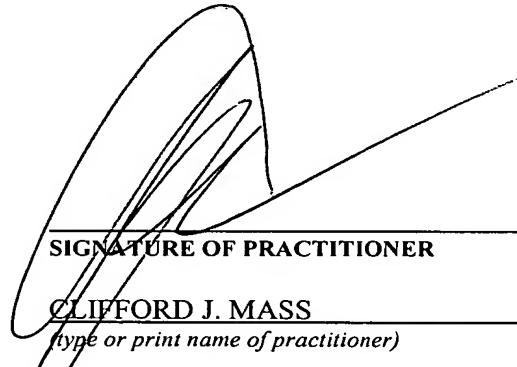
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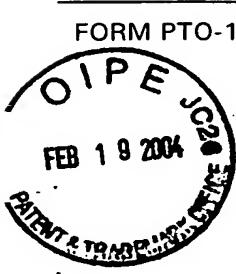
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